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SPANISH MISSION OFFICER VILLAR HAS RETURNED TO NEW YORK AFTER HAVING SERVED AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR RYDBECK MISSION TO SPANISH SAHARA. ACCORDING TO VILLAR, WHO HAS SPOKEN WITH BRITISH HERE, TYDBECK IS EXTREMELY DEPRESSED OVER THE SITUATION. ONLY ONE-QUARTER TO ONE-FIFTH OF THE ORIGINAL POPULATION IS LEFT IN EL AIUN AND VILLA CISNEROS. PRACTICALLY ALL THE ORIGINAL POPULATION HAS LEFT SMARA. NO CIVILIAN YOUTH IS TO BE SEEN: ONLY MOROCCAN MILITARY. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH, VILLAR SAID THAT TWO IDEAS NOW ARE IN PLAY, BUT NEITHER WAS PARTICULARLY APPEALING OR EVEN FEASIBLE. FIRST THOUGHT WOULD BE TO HAVE JEMAA MEET AGAIN TO EXPRESS ITS "WILL". MOROCCANS ARGUE THAT THIS ALREADY HAS BEEN DONE ONCE. THE OTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR SPAIN TO HAND OVER ITS PART OF JURISDICTION OVER THE SAHARA TO THE UNITED NATIONS FEBRUARY 28. IN VILLAR'S VIEW, BRITISH TELL US, IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT UN WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A FORMULA. MOYNIHAN

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